UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT EASTERN DISTRICT OF MICHIGAN

Miriam Adams, Plaintiff, v.	: : Civil Action No.: :
Diversified Adjustment Service, Inc.,	: : DEMAND FOR JURY TRIAL
Defendant.	: :
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COMPLAINT & JURY DEMAND

For this Complaint, Plaintiff, Miriam Adams, by undersigned counsel, states as follows:

JURISDICTION

- 1. This action arises out of Defendant's repeated violations of the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, 15 U.S.C. § 1692, et seq. (the "FDCPA").
- 2. Venue is proper in this District pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1391(b), in that Defendant transacts business in this District and a substantial portion of the acts giving rise to this action occurred in this District.

PARTIES

3. Plaintiff, Miriam Adams ("Plaintiff"), is an adult individual residing in Novi, Michigan, and is a "consumer" as the term is defined by 15 U.S.C. § 1692a(3).

- 4. Defendant Diversified Adjustment Service, Inc. ("Diversified"), is a Minnesota business entity with an address of 600 Coon Rapids Boulevard, Coon Rapids, Minnesota 55434, operating as a collection agency, and is a "debt collector" as the term is defined by 15 U.S.C. § 1692a(6).
- 5. Diversified at all times acted by and through one or more of the collectors.

ALLEGATIONS APPLICABLE TO ALL COUNTS

A. The Debt

- 6. Plaintiff allegedly incurred a financial obligation (the "Debt") to an original creditor (the "Creditor").
- 7. The Debt arose from services provided by the Creditor which were primarily for family, personal or household purposes, which meets the definition of a "debt" under 15 U.S.C. § 1692a(5).
- 8. The Debt was purchased, assigned or transferred to Diversified for collection, or Diversified was employed by the Creditor to collect the Debt.
- 9. Defendant attempted to collect the Debt and, as such, engaged in "communications" as defined in 15 U.S.C. § 1692a(2).

B. <u>Diversified Engages in Harassment and Abusive Tactics</u>

10. Within the last year, Diversified began calling Plaintiff in an attempt to collect the Debt.

- 11. Plaintiff has a payment plan with Diversified and has been timely making payments as agreed.
- 12. Nevertheless, Diversified continues to harass Plaintiff with calls in an attempt to collect the Debt.

C. Plaintiff Suffered Actual Damages

- 13. Plaintiff has suffered and continues to suffer actual damages as a result of Defendant's unlawful conduct.
- 14. As a direct consequence of Defendant's acts, practices and conduct, Plaintiff suffered and continues to suffer from humiliation, anger, anxiety, emotional distress, fear, frustration and embarrassment.

COUNT I VIOLATIONS OF THE FDCPA 15 U.S.C. § 1692, et seq.

- 15. Plaintiff incorporates by reference all of the above paragraphs of this Complaint as though fully stated herein.
- 16. Defendant's conduct violated 15 U.S.C. § 1692d in that Defendant engaged in behavior the natural consequence of which was to harass, oppress, or abuse Plaintiff in connection with collection of the Debt.
- 17. Defendant's conduct violated 15 U.S.C. § 1692d(5) in that Defendant caused a phone to ring repeatedly and engaged Plaintiff in telephone conversations with the intent to annoy and harass Plaintiff.

- 18. Defendant's conduct violated 15 U.S.C. § 1692f in that Defendant used unfair and unconscionable means to collect the Debt.
- 19. The foregoing acts and omissions of Defendant constitute numerous and multiple violations of the FDCPA.
 - 20. Plaintiff is entitled to damages as a result of Defendant's violations.

PRAYER FOR RELIEF

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff prays that judgment be entered against Defendant:

- 1. Actual damages pursuant to 15 U.S.C. § 1692k(a)(1);
- 2. Statutory damages of \$1,000.00 pursuant to 15 U.S.C. \$1692k(a)(2)(A);
- Costs of litigation and reasonable attorney's fees pursuant to 15
 U.S.C. § 1692k(a)(3);
- 4. Punitive damages; and
- 5. Such other and further relief as may be just and proper.

TRIAL BY JURY DEMANDED ON ALL COUNTS

Dated: November 12, 2018

Respectfully submitted,

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